

House Republicans Support Unpaid-for Tax Credits, Demand Offsets for Emergency Funding

House Republicans are resisting bringing legislation to the Floor that would provide critical assistance to address the humanitarian crisis at the border, because of the cost – yet, those same House Republicans have passed multiple tax extender bills that add hundreds of billions to the deficit.

Supplementals are needed to address unforeseen national emergencies – something big business tax cuts are not. Here's a look at how the supplemental stacks up against the tax extenders House Republicans refuse to pay for:

Cost of President Obama's Supplemental Request	
Policy	Cost
Request to address the humanitarian crisis at the border	\$3.7 billion
Request to respond to severe wildfires	\$615 million
Total Cost	\$4.3 billion

Cost of House Republicans' Unpaid for Tax Provisions (House passed or on the Floor this week)	
Policy	Cost (2014-2024)
Bonus Depreciation	\$287 billion
Research and Development Tax Credit (R&D)	\$155 billion
Small Business Expensing (Section 179)	\$73 billion
Individual Retirement Account Charitable Contributions	\$8.4 billion
Charitable Contribution Carry Back	\$2.8 billion
Charitable Contributions of Food	\$1.9 billion
Private Foundation Excise Tax Simplification	\$1.9 billion
S Corporation Built-in Gains	\$1.5 billion
Charitable Conservation Easements	\$1 billion
S Corporation Charitable Giving	\$0.7 billion
Total Cost	\$533.2 billion

With the total cost of the supplemental amounting to less than 1/100th of the cost of House Republicans' unpaid-for tax extender bills, the hypocrisy is astonishing. House Republicans should work with Democrats to address these critical priorities.